

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Marc D. Etchells  
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Title: SHAPED ABSORBENT PADS  
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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on November 24, 2008, Applicant respectfully submits the following Amendment. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4.